GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:281
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2002
SEA EROSION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coastal States facing the threat of sea erosion;

(b) whether the Government are aware that 580 KM long seacoast line of Kerala is under threat of sea erosion and over 100 KM long stretch has been severely affected by erosion during the monsoon seasons endangering lives and causing damage to crops and dwelling units; and

(c) if so, the remedial measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS(a) TO (c) OF STARREDQUESTION NO. 281 TO BE ANSWERED IN TH LOK SABHA ON 09.12.2002 REGARDING SEA EROSION.

As reported by the respective coastal States/UTs, the coastal States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, West Bengaland UTs of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and Pondicherry are facing problem of sea erosion.

As per National Hydrographic Office, the coastline of Keralais 569.70 km. As reported by Kerala Government, about 480 km. of coastline of Kerala is assessed to be vulnerable to sea erosion by the studies conducted during the late eighties, out of which 368 km. of coastline has been protected up to March, 2000.

Flood Management being a State subject, the responsibility of planning, funding, executing and operating flood control schemes including erosion primarily rests with the concerned State Governments. The assistance rendered by the Central Government is technical, catalytic and promotional in nature.

However, at present, there are two schemes under consideration of the Government of India to arrange financial assistance for maritime States/UTs. for protection of vulnerable coastal areas from sea erosion namely, National Coastal Protection Project (NCPP) and a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

The revised proposal amounting to Rs.267.50 crore which was received from Government of Kerala for inclusion in NCPP was examined in CWC and comments have been sent to theState Government in June 2002, reply to which is awaited. Further, a scheme amounting to Rs.3.00 crore was received from the State Government, which is under examination for inclusion in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme.